



Wind Energy Program Renewable System Interconnection Activities

DOE Collaborative Meeting on
Renewable Systems Interconnection

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Program Goal

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By 2012, complete Program activities addressing electric power market rules, interconnection impacts, operating strategies, and system planning needed for wind energy to compete without disadvantage to serve the Nation's energy needs.

20% Wind Energy by 2030

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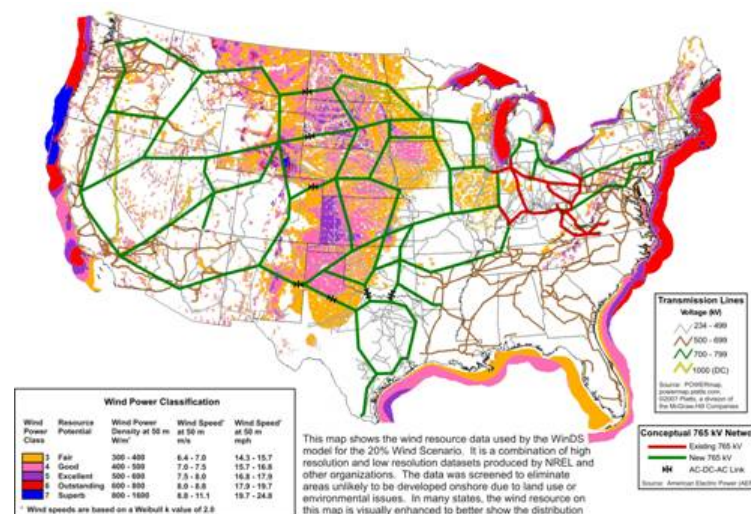
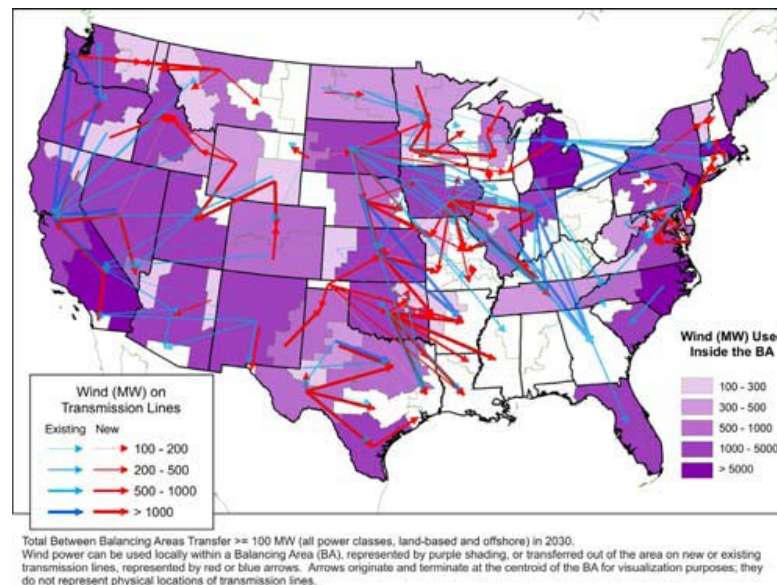
Over 300 GW of wind plant capacity

Report generally indicates where investment in new transmission infrastructure needed

Also presents conceptual 765 kV EHV overlay examined by AEP

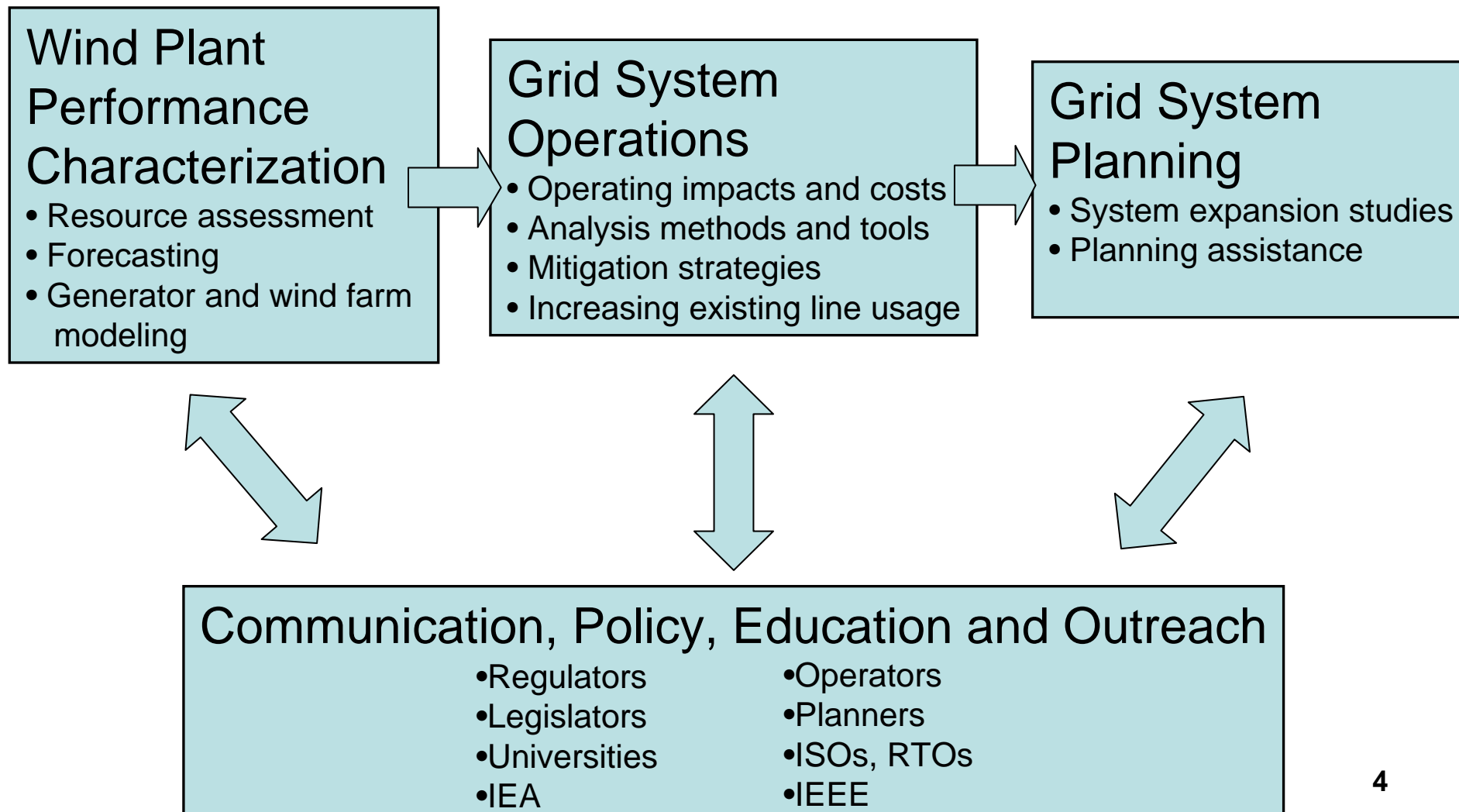
- \$60 billion over 20 yrs
- 19,000 mi of line

Delivers additional 200-400 GW



Program Activity Organization

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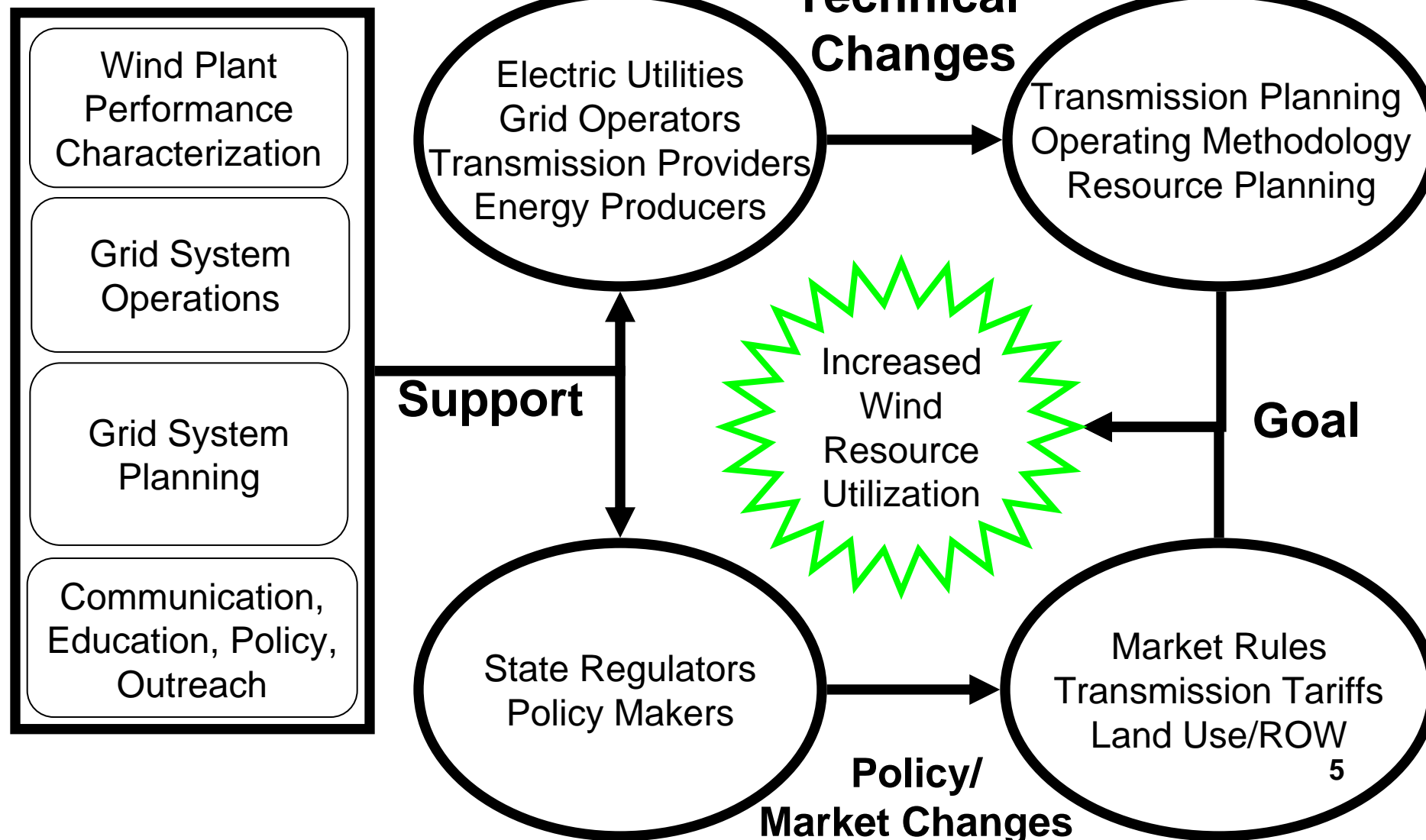


Program Activity Influence

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RSI Activities



National Laboratory Partners

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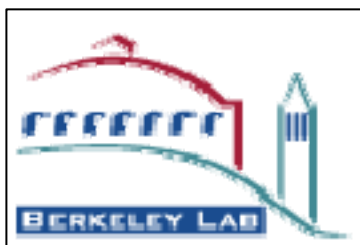


Los Alamos National Laboratory



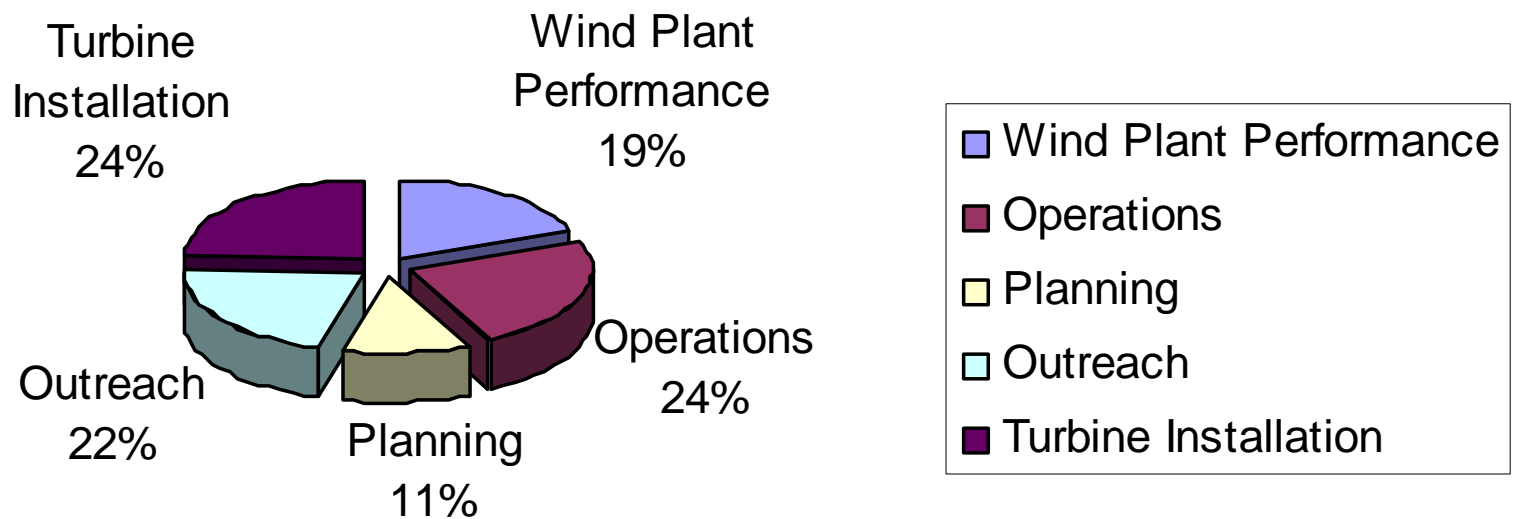
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
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FY08 Budget Breakout



Total Budget \$13.8M

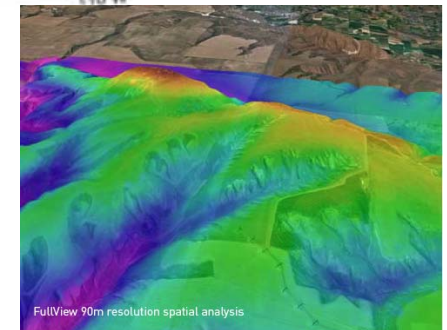
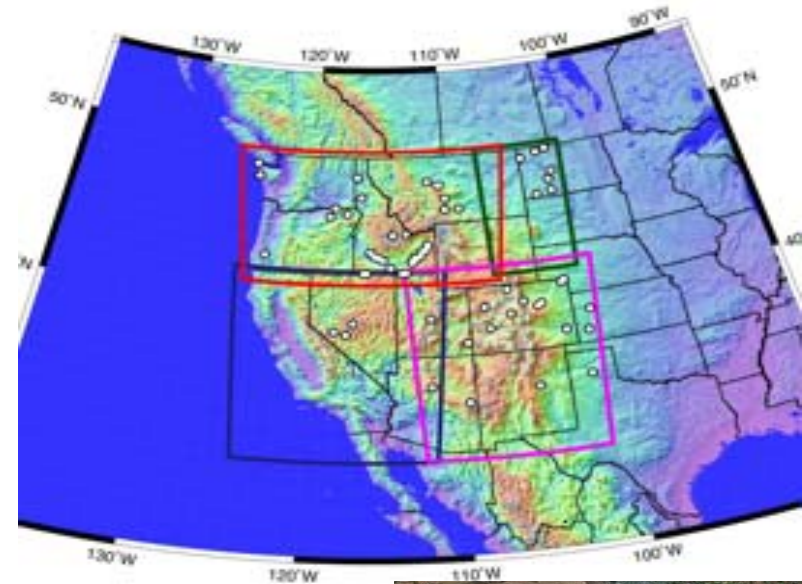
Wind Plant Performance Characterization

Wind Resource

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- **Mesoscale wind modeling**
 - Data set for Western Interconnection developed, much of Eastern Interconnection underway
 - 10-minute temporal resolution
 - 2-km spatial resolution
- **Wind Measurements**
 - Tall tower
 - Investigate SODAR
 - Regional wind mapping, meso model validation
- **Forecasting**
 - Improve forecast accuracy on planning, scheduling and system balancing time scales
 - Anticipation of extreme events
- **Database development**
 - Develop comparable solar data
 - Create database of wind and solar 10 min resource data

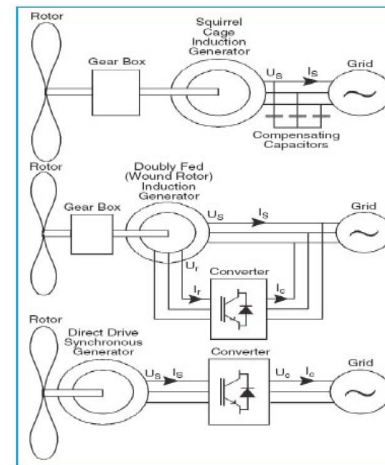
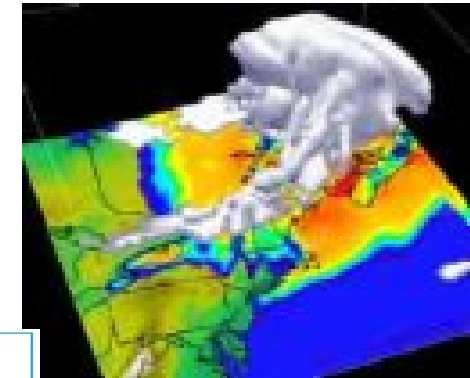


Wind Plant Performance Characterization Output Prediction

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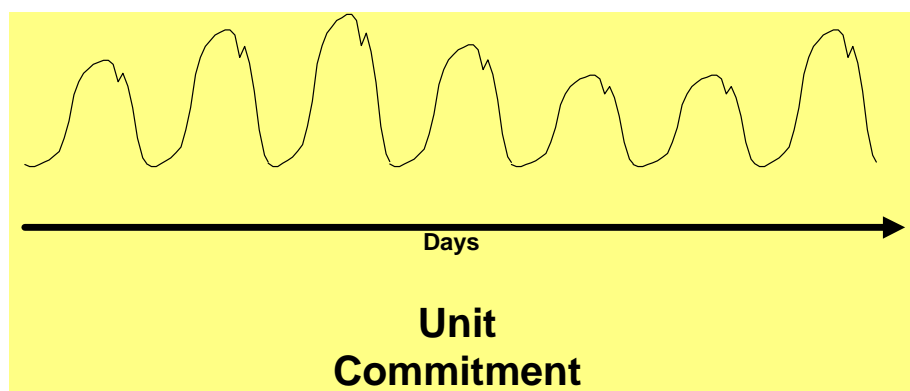
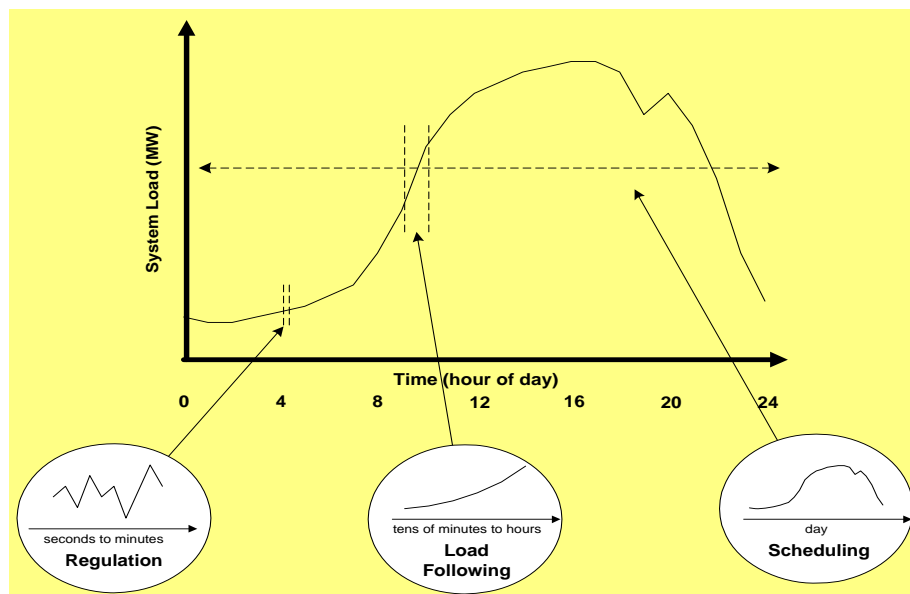
- **Generator and wind farm modeling**
 - Develop generic non-proprietary generator models for use in integration studies
 - Analyze and model wind farm power characteristics
- **Wind Farm Data Monitoring**
 - Collect and archives high-resolution wind power data from large commercial wind power plants
 - Provides statistics on wind power spatial diversity and correlation, and long-term variability
 - Calibrate and validate wind plant and forecasting models



Grid System Operations and Planning

Timeframes of Interest

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Typical U.S. terminology

- **Regulation-** seconds to a few minutes - System Stability Studies, Operating Procedures (outgrowth of various studies)
- **Load-following-** tens of minutes to a few hours – Production Cost Models
- **Scheduling and unit commitment-** hours to several days – Production Cost Models, Transmission Expansion, and Integration Studies
- **Capacity value-** based on reliability metric (ELCC=effective load carrying capability)-Long-term resource adequacy studies

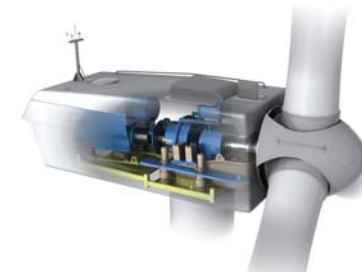
Key Activities



- **Dynamic analysis models**
 - Development and validation for wind energy application
- **Wind integration studies**
 - Quantify impacts of wind on operations, estimate cost of added variability, fault analysis
 - NREL Report on methodologies of integration studies
- **Grid simulators**
 - Develop/apply to prepare grid operators for dealing with sub hourly wind variation
- **Production cost models**
 - Incorporation of stochastic wind modeling
- **Control room use of forecasting**
 - Partner with utilities to develop and evaluate methods for application of advanced forecasting
- **Expanding use of existing lines**
 - Analyze dynamic line ratings, conditional/firm, FACTS, advanced conductors, etc
 - Assess balancing area consolidation, role of market structures (eg ISO/RTO), capacity obligations



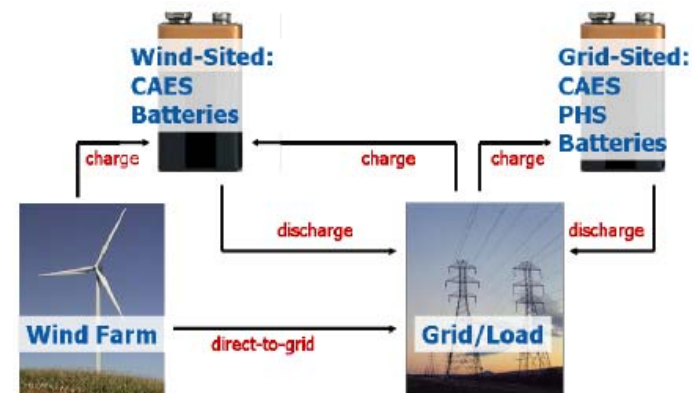
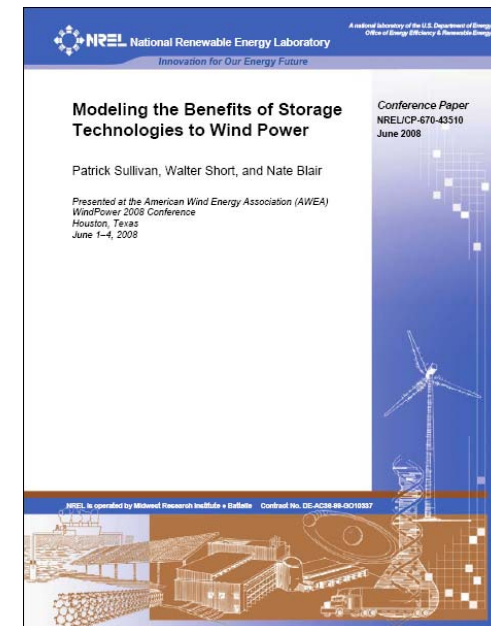
- **NWTC Commercial Turbines**
 - Install state-of-the-art large wind turbines for R&D support of grid system operations challenges



Evaluation of Storage for Wind



- **Recent NREL Study on storage benefits for wind**
 - Based on modeling via ReEDS (formerly WinDS)
 - Evaluated costs, operational merits, and deployment opportunities for energy storage technologies
- **Wind/hydro integration**
 - Analysis and case studies of mitigating wind variability via coordinated operation with hydro assets
 - Collaboration with WAPA, BPA
- **Planned study (FY 08 Funding)**
 - Provide quantitative guidance on storage value in high wind penetration grids
 - Examine capacity, energy, and ancillary service values of range of storage technologies in different market structures
 - Characterize current and expected future costs



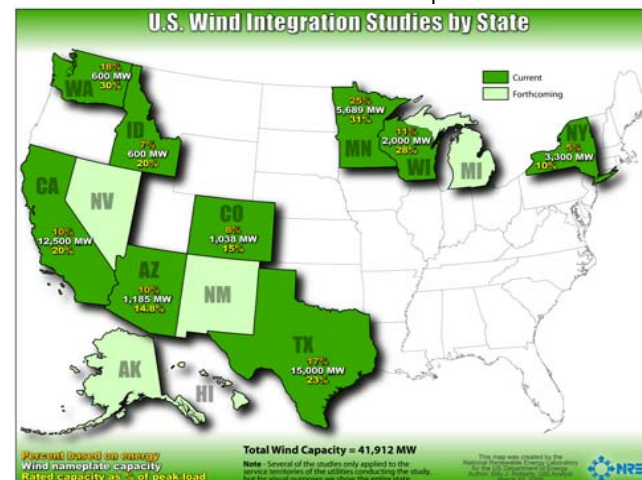
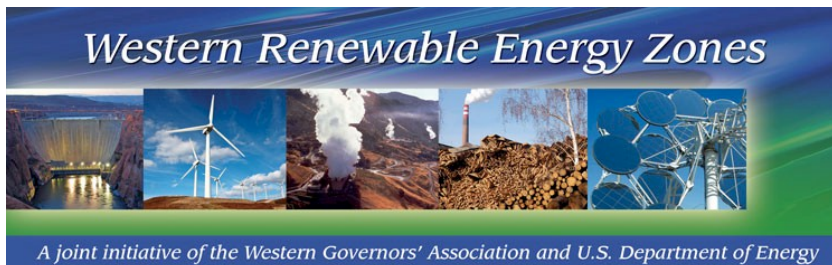
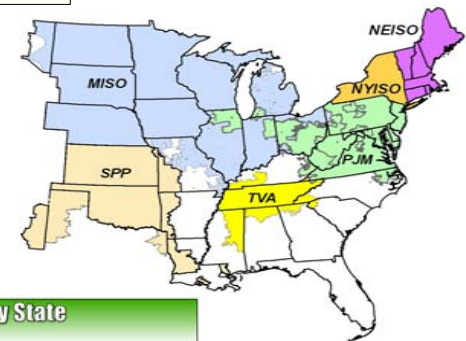
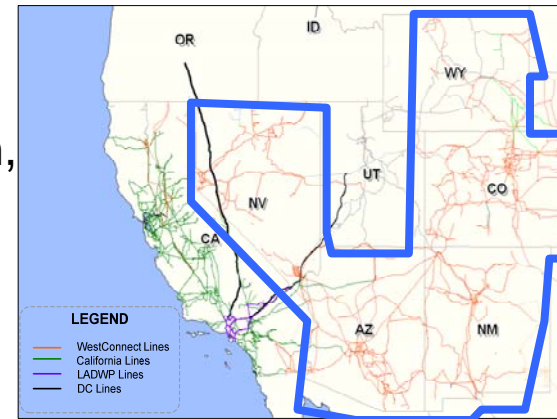
Grid System Planning

Regional Studies and Assistance

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- Western Wind and Solar Integration, Eastern Wind Integration Studies
 - Largest integration studies to date
 - Simulate power system operation and investigate transmission expansion options at wind penetration rates of 20% and 30%
- Northwest Wind Integration Forum
- WECC 15% Renewables Study
- WGA Western Renewable Energy Zone Initiative
- Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative
- Various Smaller Studies for Specific Utilities



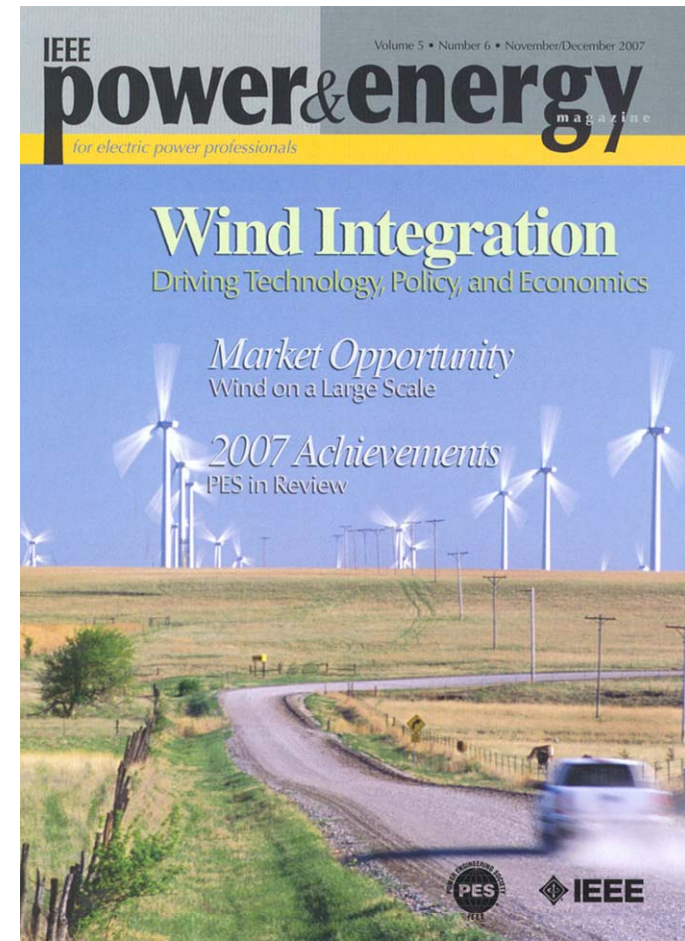
Communication, Policy, Education and Outreach

Key Activities

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- **Utility Wind Integration Group**
 - Premier technical forum
 - 100+ utility, ISO, and transmission provider members
- **IEEE**
 - Wind Power Coordinating Committee
 - PES Summer meeting Wind Super Sessions
- **NERC**
 - Integration of Variable Generation Task Force standards development

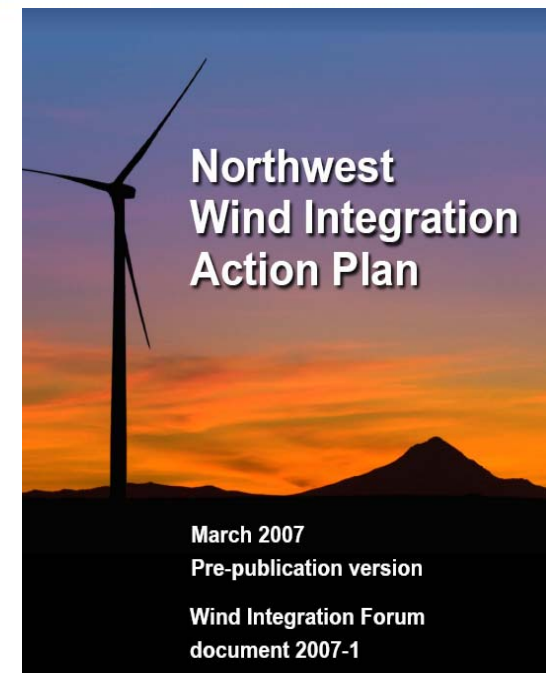


***Accelerating the Integration of Wind
Generation into Utility Power Systems***

Key Activities (cont)



- **IEA**
 - Wind Agreement - high wind penetration and wind/hydro annexes
 - DSM Agreement - distributed renewable integration project
- **NWCC transmission subcommittee**
 - WECC/Upper Midwest/SPP regional engagements
- **Expert team regional issue support**
 - BPA and NWIAF



Key Activities (cont)



- **FERC**
 - 661a LVRT and Var Grid codes, SCADA
 - Order 890: Conditional Firm Transmission
- **PUC/Legislative**
 - Market structure
 - Integration studies, rates, and cost determination
 - Transmission cost allocation and recovery
 - Transmission authorities (RETI, RETA, CO CEDA)
- **Power System Universities**
 - PSERC R&D projects
 - Curriculum development
 - Industry and lab internships
- **Website, presentations, papers, webinars, and conference calls**



Recent/Near-term Developments

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- **Lab Call July 2008**
 - Solicited Proposals Related to 5 RSI Areas
 - Wind integration analysis and planning
 - Wind energy forecasting methods and applications
 - High-level wind resource assessment and validation
 - Wind integration modeling
 - Wind energy siting studies
 - Project funding awards presented to 7 labs
- **20% Report Roadmap Workshop (Oct 6)**
 - Solicit input from a variety of stakeholders on how to achieve 20% Wind Energy by 2030